

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/625,192

Examiner

Jerrold Johnson

Applicant(s)

DARCY ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 23 July 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____. W1, W2, L1 and L2 are required
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tallam I. Nguti on 2 Feb. 2005, and 11 Feb. 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, first paragraph, replace "_____" with --10/625,206, US Patent 6,851,249--.

Page 6, second paragraph, replace 110 (3 instances) with 30.

In the claims:

Claims 1, 13 and 15 amend as follows:

1. (Amended) Packaging apparatus for packaging a flexible photoconductive belt loop having a width W1 and ϕ circumference L1, so as to prevent light from shocking said flexible photoconductive belt loop during shipping and during loading into an image reproduction machine, said packaging apparatus comprising:

(a) a cut sheet of light occluding and protective flexible member for wrapping over an external surface of said flexible photoconductive belt loop, said cut sheet of light occluding and protective flexible member having a

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width W_2 , and a length L_2 including (i) a main body portion, (ii) a first end, ~~including~~ (iii) a first end portion adjacent said main body portion and said first end, (iii ~~iv~~) a second end, ~~including~~ (v) a second end portion adjacent said main body portion and said second end, and (iv) at least one loop tacking aperture formed through said second end portion of said cut sheet of light occluding and protective member;

(b) a first adhesive tape member applied over said second end portion, through said at least one loop tacking aperture, and onto said first end portion of said cut sheet of light occluding and protective flexible member; and

(c) a second adhesive tape member applied over said second end of said cut sheet of light occluding protective flexible member and over a portion of said main body portion of said cut sheet of light occluding protective flexible member when folded with said flexible photoconductive belt loop and lying underneath said second end of said light occluding protective flexible member.

Claim 13, replace "10" with -11--.

15. (Amended) Packaging apparatus for packaging a flexible photoconductive belt loop having a width W_1 and a circumference L_1 , so as to prevent light from shocking said flexible photoconductive belt loop during shipping and during loading into an image reproduction machine, said packaging apparatus comprising:

(a) a cut sheet of light occluding and protective flexible member for wrapping over an external surface of said flexible photoconductive belt loop, said cut sheet of light occluding and protective flexible member having a width W_2 , and a length L_2 including (i) a main body portion, (ii) a first end, including (iii) a first end portion adjacent said main body portion and said first end, (iii iv) a second end, including (v) a second end portion adjacent said main body portion and said second end, and (iv) at least one loop tacking aperture formed through said second end portion of said cut sheet of light occluding and protective member;

(fb) a plurality of cylindrical packaging core members for supporting and forming a wrapped assembly of said flexible photoconductive belt loop and said light occluding protective flexible member into a tightly folded assembly thereof;

(gc) a first adhesive tape member applied over said second end portion, through said at least one loop tacking aperture, and onto said first end portion of said cut sheet of light occluding and protective flexible member; and

(hd) a second adhesive tape member applied over said second end of said cut sheet of light occluding protective flexible member and over a portion of said main body portion of said cut sheet of light occluding protective flexible member when folded with said flexible photoconductive belt loop and lying underneath said second end of said light occluding protective flexible

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member.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner has identified no suggestion to modify the packaging apparatus of Darcy et al., US 5,282,345, with the teachings of Wolff, US 2,630,385, other than in the present application. Accordingly, the claims are allowable. Additionally, all changes made to the claims through the Examiner's Amendment are solely for the purposes of clarity, and are not to overcome the cited references.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerrold Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-7141. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 to 6:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on 571-272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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